

ABSTRACT

A subject for the invention is to provide a branched aromatic polycarbonate which is excellent in hue and in melt characteristics such as melt strength.

The invention provides a branched aromatic polycarbonate having a viscosity-average molecular weight of 16,000 or higher obtained by the transesterification method, characterized in that the ratio of the weight-average molecular weight (M_w) to number-average molecular weight (M_n) as measured by gel permeation chromatography and calculated for standard polystyrene (M_w/M_n) is in the range of from 2.8 to 4.5 and that the proportion of the number of moles of all structural units yielded by a rearrangement reaction in the course of melt polymerization reaction to 1 mol of structural units having the framework of an aromatic dihydroxy compound used as a starting material is higher than 0.3 mol% and not higher than 0.95 mol.